



# **The John Fisher School**

## **Severe Weather Policy**

**Responsible:** Governors' Resources Committee

**Review Period:** Every 2 years

**Next Review Date:** October 2022

## Severe Weather Procedure Policy

In the event of adverse weather every effort will be made to open the school. However, there may be a need to keep the school closed until such a time that it can be reopened. The following factors will be taken into account when considering closure:

- the Health & Safety of all members of The John Fisher School community on and around the school site
- the Health & Safety of all members of The John Fisher School community travelling to and from school
- the ability of members of staff to get to school
- behaviour of students (snowball & general misbehaviour) should there be insufficient staff available to supervise lessons and break-time
- the ability of the site to remain open under the supervision of the site supervisors
- decisions made by other local schools that may impact on The John Fisher School (e.g. siblings, unwanted visits, etc)
- public transport issues
- the local weather forecast
- school trips and planned events.

Unless there is a clear indication on the previous evening that the school may need to close the next day, the following early morning procedure will be followed:

At 6.30am the Headteacher, Assistant Headteachers and School Business Manager, will liaise by telephone with regard to possible school closure. The Site Supervisor and/or Site Assistant will give advice with regards to potential Health & Safety and premises issues as a result of the severe weather.

Should it still be unclear at this stage as to whether it is necessary to close the school a decision will be made by 7.30am. This will usually follow inspection of the school site by the staff identified previously that are available to make a judgement. The final decision will usually be confirmed by the Headteacher.

Should it be necessary to close the school, parents/carers will be notified by email and the school's website will be updated accordingly. Lessons will either take place remotely or work will be set via our learning platform.